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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

FOLLOW-UP

REF: USUN 5277

1. FORMER AID ADMINISTRATOR JOHN HANNAH CALLED MIN-COUN
LAST P.M. TO SAY THAT WFC SYG MAREI HAD RETURNED TO EGYPT.
FAO AIDE AZIS RETURNING TO FULL-TIME DUTIES WITH HIS
PARENT ORGANIZATION. AT MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK,
SYG DESIGNATED HANNAH TO BE HIS REPRESENTATIVE FOR FOLLOW-UP
IN RE WFC RECOMMENDATIONS. HANNAH, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, INDICATED THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE
SENTIMENT IN FAVOR REOPENING INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF
CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE ARE THOSE WITHIN
SECRETARIAT AND ON NEW YORK DELEGATIONS WHO BELIEVE THAT
UN SYG SHOULD HAVE ROLE LARGER THAN THAT ACCORDED BY
CONFERENCE. PARTICULAR CONCERN FOCUSES UPON UK INSPIRED
AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SHOULD
BE SERVICED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF FAO WITH HEADQUARTERS
IN ROME. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CONTRACTED
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION COULD BE AVOIDED AT THIS TIME IN
INTEREST OF GETTING ON WITH WORK OF IMPLEMENTATION.

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2. DR HANNAH INDICATED THAT HE HOPED TO RECEIVE CONTINUING GUIDANCE IN RE WISHES OF USG AND PARTICULARLY EXPECTS THAT USUN BACK-STOP FACILITIES WILL CONTINUE BE AVAILABLE TO HIM.

FYI: DR. HANNAH COMMENTS COINCIDE WITH THOSE PICKED UP BY MIN-COUN FROM SEVERAL DELEGATIONS AND MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT IN PAST 48 HOURS. THERE ARE MANY WHO FEEL THAT GENEVA WOULD BE BETTER SITE FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. PRESUMABLY THIS IS A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE ARGUMENT THAT GENEVA SITE LOCATION WOULD ENHANCE ROLE OF UNCTAD AND FACILITATE INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER ORGANS AND AGENCIES OF THE UN SYSTEM.
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